

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Applicant reserves the right for all the cancelled claims.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 37-41 (cancelled)

The following amendments were requested in the response to the final rejection dated June 3, 2004. Applicant wishes to enter the amendment in this RCE application.

34. (currently amended) A process for detoxifying bacterial lipopolysaccharide in a patient with septicemia caused by gram-negative bacteria, by gram-positive bacteria, by trauma or by injury, which comprises ~~the steps of determining an effective amount of lipopolysaccharide binding protein needed for detoxifying bacterial lipopolysaccharide in said patient wherein said effective amount of lipopolysaccharide binding protein elevates the concentration of lipopolysaccharide binding protein in said patient to a sufficiently high level to suppress lipopolysaccharide induced release of cytokine, and administering to said patient in need therefor said an effective amount of lipopolysaccharide binding protein to elevate the serum concentration of lipopolysaccharide binding protein in said patient to a sufficiently high level to suppress lipopolysaccharide induced release of cytokine, thereby detoxifying the bacterial lipopolysaccharide.~~
35. The process of claim 34 wherein said lipopolysaccharide binding protein is a native or a recombinant lipopolysaccharide binding protein.
36. The process of claim 34, wherein said lipopolysaccharide binding protein is of human, rabbit, murine or rat lipopolysaccharide binding protein.